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APPLICANT : Farmer
ASSIGNEE : GANEDEN BIOTECH, INC.
SERIAL NUMBER 09/369,016 EXAMINER : J. Kerr
FILING DATE : August 5, 1999 ART UNIT : 1633
FOR : METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL
VITAMINS & MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC
LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND
COMPOSITIONS

June 26, 2001
Boston, Massachusetts

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action, mailed December 26, 2000, in the above-identified application. With this extension, the Response is due on or before June 26, 2001. A check in the amount of \$445.00, in payment of the fee as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 19374-504. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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